

Best Books for Young Adults 2010

(Recommended BY ALA – Young Adult Library Services Association)

Anderson, Laurie Halse

Wintergirls

Eighteen-year-old Lia comes to terms with her best friend's death from anorexia as she struggles with the same disorder.

Bray, Libba

Going Bovine

Cameron Smith, a sixteen year-old slacker, is diagnosed with mad cow disease. He sets off with a death-obsessed video gaming dwarf on a mind-blowing, fantastical adventure that might just save the world and him.

Burg, Anne E.

All the Broken Pieces

Two years after being airlifted out of Vietnam in 1975, Matt Pin is haunted by the terrible secret he left behind. Now in a loving adoptive home in the United States, a series of profound events forces him to confront his past

Collins, Suzanne

Catching Fire

By winning the annual Hunger Games, Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark have secured a life of safety and plenty for themselves. However because they won by defying the rules, they unwittingly become the faces of an growing rebellion.

Davies, Jacqueline

Lost

In 1911 New York, sixteen-year-old Essie Rosenfeld works at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory where she befriends a missing heiress who is in hiding from her family and who seems to understand the feelings of heartache and grief that Essie is trying desperately to escape.

Forman, Gayle

If I Stay

While in a coma following an automobile accident that killed her parents and younger brother, seventeen-year-old Mia, a gifted cellist, weighs whether to live with her grief or join her family in death.

Frost, Helen

Crossing Stones

Four teens share their experiences over nine months during the First World War, as the two boys enlist and are sent overseas while the two girls go on without them. Two resilient families struggle to stay together during a changing world.

Garsee, Jeannine

Say the Word

After the death of her estranged mother who left Ohio ten years ago to live with her lesbian partner in New York City, seventeen-year-old Shawna Gallagher's life is transformed by revelations about her family, her best friend, and herself.

Halpern, Julie

Into the Wild Nerd Yonder

When high school sophomore Jessie's long-term best friend transforms herself into a punk and goes after Jessie's would-be boyfriend, Jessie decides to visit "the wild nerd yonder" and seek true friends among classmates who play Dungeons and Dragons.

Katcher, Brian

Almost Perfect

With his mother working long hours and in pain from a romantic break-up, eighteen-year-old Logan feels alone and unloved until a zany new student keeping a big secret arrives at his small-town Missouri high school.

Larbalestier, Justine

Liar

A compulsive liar, Micah Wilkins wants to come straight after the boy she has been secretly seeing is found murdered, a murder for which she is now a suspect.

McCormick, Patricia	Purple Heart While recuperating in a Baghdad hospital from a traumatic brain injury sustained during the Iraq War, eighteen-year-old soldier Matt Duffy struggles to recall what happened to him and how it relates to his ten-year-old friend, Ali.
McKinley, Robin	Fire: Tales of Elemental Spirits Five tales of creatures who live and die by fire from both the present day and the prehistoric past.
Miller-Lachmann, Lyn	Gringolandia When his father arrives home after five years of torture as a political prisoner in Chile, Daniel and his eighteen-year-old "gringa" girlfriend use different methods to help this bitter, self-destructive stranger return to normalcy.
Oaks, J. Adams	Why I Fight After his house burns down, twelve-year-old Wyatt Reaves takes off with his uncle, and the two of them drive from town to town for six years, earning money mostly by fighting, until Wyatt finally confronts his parents one last time.
Scott, Elizabeth	Love You, Hate You, Miss You After coming out of alcohol rehabilitation, sixteen-year-old Amy sorts out conflicting emotions about her best friend Julia's death in a car accident for which she feels responsible.
Smith, Sherri L.	Flygirl In an attempt to support her brother, light-skinned African American Ida Mae attempts to join the Women Airforce Service Pilots program during WWII.
Stiefvater, Maggie	Shiver In all the years she has watched the wolves in the woods behind her house, Grace has been particularly drawn to an unusual yellow-eyed wolf who, in his turn, has been watching her with increasing intensity.
Stork, Francisco	Marcelo in the Real World Marcelo Sandoval, a seventeen-year-old boy on the high-functioning end of the autistic spectrum, faces new challenges, including romance and injustice, when he goes to work for his father in the mailroom of a corporate law firm.
Westerfeld, Scott	Leviathan In an alternate fantasy version of WWI, fifteen-year-old Austrian Prince Alek forms an uneasy alliance with Deryn who, disguised as a boy to join the British Air Service, is learning to fly genetically-engineered beasts.
Williams-Garcia, Rita	Jumped Three lives are irrevocably intertwined through the course of one day in an urban high school after one student overhears a plan to beat up a fellow classmate, and must decide whether or not to get involved.
Yancey, Rick	The Monstrumologist In 1888, twelve-year-old Will Henry chronicles his apprenticeship with Dr. Warthrop, a scientist who hunts and studies real-life monsters, as they discover and attempt to destroy a pod of man-eaters.

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